Waukesha

VETERAN'S SERVICES
A DIVISION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson

Mr. Eric Holmes,

Mr. Patrick J Craney (Commissioner Designee)

Mr. Thomas A. Ludka, Secretary

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES MEETING: December 11, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. The minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting were reviewed. An update on the veteran discussed at that meeting was given by Mr. Thomas A. Ludka. There were no omissions or corrections to the minutes.

CASE # PJF, (50973)

This is a 44 year old Army veteran who has been diagnosed with brain cancer. He served active duty in Afghanistan, and was separated in July of 2010. He is a 21 year Reservist, still in the Reserves. He is service-connected for a hip problem. He uses the VA for his health care.

The veteran is self-employed and has had no pay check since October 26, 2012. He is married with three children under six years of age. His only income is \$844 from the Reserves and his service-connected condition. The Waukesha County Veterans Service Office gave the veteran's name to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary for Christmas gifts for the children and gave the family food and gas cards.

A service-connected claim for the brain cancer was filed as the cancer was diagnosed within one year of the veteran's discharge from active-duty. The veteran is in the process of applying for a \$3,000 Wisconsin Aid to Needy Veteran's Grant, energy assistance, food stamps, and Social Security Disability.

The Waukesha County Veterans Service Office is asking that the Commission approve a total of \$2,841.67 for the following companies: Account #150-364120-6553-J085-3803

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\$1,655.01 – Network Funding, L.P.

\$ 268.84 – University Of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics

\$ 85.95 – Great Lakes Pathologists, SC

\$ 121.20 - U.S. Cellular

\$ 31.12 - USAA

\$ 179.55 – Time Warner Cable

\$ 300.00 - BP Gas Cards

\$ 200.00 – Wal-Mart Cards

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kebisek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The status of the gift cards for needy veterans was discussed. Mr. Ludka explained that most of the cards donated were issued – there was a big influx in the need for assistance. As of December 11, 2012, one \$25 Walgreen card, five \$50 Pick n Save cards, six \$50 Target cards, and seven \$50 WalMart cards are left. Gas cards and Goodwill vouchers are all gone.

Mr. Patrick Craney, the new Commissioner Designee, was introduced and given the Commission Guidelines for the meeting scheduled for January 7, 2012.

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ludka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kebisek. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Ludka

Secretary

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